

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the remarks which follow. Applicants affirm election of the subject matter of Group II.

Claim Amendments

Claims 9-17, 26-34, and 43-52 are pending. Claims 1-8, 18-25, and 35-42 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer in order to remove non-elected subject matter from the claims at the Examiner's request, and not for reasons related to patentability. Additionally, Claims 10, 27, and 44 have been amended by placing these claims in independent form, again in order to limit the claims to the elected subject matter at the Examiner's request, and not for reasons related to patentability. Claims 9, 26, 43, and 52 have been amended to change dependency to the newly presented independent claims.

Consideration Of Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

It is noted that an initialed copy of the PTO Form 1449 that was submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed June 25, 2003, has not been returned to Applicants' representative with the Office Action. The Examiner notes that the IDS does not appear in the file, although it was received by the PTO as evidenced by the stamped postcard received by Applicants, a copy of which is attached. As requested, a second copy of the IDS is enclosed and it is requested that an initialed copy of the Form 1449 be forwarded to the undersigned with the next communication from the PTO. Applicants will be pleased to provide additional copies of the references upon the Examiner's request.

Rejection Under Section 112, Second Paragraph

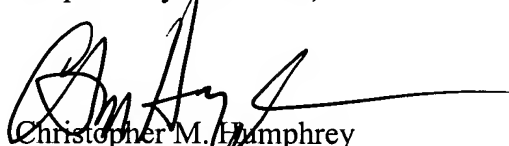
Claims 1, 3-18, 20-35, and 37-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner requests cancellation of the non-elected subject matter from the claims. In response, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-8, 18-25, and 35-42,

and amended Claims 10, 27, and 44 to place those claims in independent form. It is noted that original Claims 10, 27, and 44 were already limited to the elected subject matter, i.e., compounds wherein only one of R4 and R5 is OH. In light of these amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions in order to expedite examination of this case.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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